

HUGE LAND GRAB HID IN COURT BILL BY ITS PROMOTERS

Acquisition of City Block Contemplated in Measure Jammed Through Councils Over Mayor's Veto—Map of Property Defaced to Conceal North Boundary.

Executive Clark Says Public Is Not Interested, and Judge Brown, Asked to Explain Omission, Declares He Is Not Answering Conundrums.

A great land grab to be put through by the Vane-McNichol-Penrose-controlled Councils is back of the bill to condemn land for the Municipal Court at 21st and Race streets.

The scheme will cost Philadelphia nearly \$2,000,000 unless it is blocked. The price of the land needed will exceed \$1,000,000, and the buildings will run the price up another \$600,000.

The opening wedge was the bill to condemn land at 21st and Race streets, now the property of the Magdalen Home.

It seemed innocent enough, as the cost of the property would not exceed \$150,000. For buildings on this site \$400,000 of the loan bill money had been appropriated.

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REAR WINDOW FLIRTATION COST HER \$600 IN JEWELS

Electrician Borrows Them to Spruce Up, But Doesn't Return.

HUGE SCENE OF THE GRAB

To all appearances the Municipal Court plans were to be confined to the purchase of the Magdalen Home property and the construction of buildings costing no more than \$400,000.

But the Municipal Court offices at City Hall gave out an architect's sketch showing the proposed buildings.

This was the key to the grab secret. It showed that the Magdalen Home property was to be sold to the city.

The land to be sold was not enough to accommodate even one of the proposed buildings. Yet thus far there has not been even a whisper that more land would be needed.

Only three boundaries of the Municipal Court site were given in the architect's sketch map. The name of the street on the fourth side was intentionally missing.

This was important because it left the size of the grab open to conjecture. Some who saw the map said that the tract shown must be intended to run only to Winter street.

It went all the way to Vine street, thus extending the grab more than 200 feet. In any case the property on the map extends 100 feet and possibly 200 feet further north than the promoters ever said it would.

ORIGINAL MAP DEFACED. But a close look at the map explained why the name of the northern boundary line failed to appear.

It had been blocked out by sticking a piece of paper over the name on the original sketch and photographing it before sending the picture to newspaper offices.

Instead of the missing name there was a strip of dead white three inches long, which entirely concealed the name of the street.

The Magdalen Home site is relatively so small that only a part of the Administration Building would fit in it. The "Courts Building" is at least 80 feet from the northeast corner of the Magdalen property.

Officers of the Municipal Court grew reticent when asked to talk about the map.

Fred C. Simon, executive clerk to the court, was said to know the name of the northern boundary. He refused flatly to tell what it was.

"The public is not interested," Simon declared. "It is not news. No one cares about that. The public knows very well what the work this court is doing, and when we have any information to give out the newspapers will get it."

Pressed for the name of the architect, Simon finally declared that he was the author of the map.

"I don't know anything about it," was the answer. "Didn't you notice the white mark instead of the name of the street when you saw the sketch?"

Judge Brown was asked about the northern boundary.

"It is Winter street," he said, "and the architect who drew the sketch is John T. Windrim. That is what you wanted to know, isn't it?"

"Do you know why the name of the street was omitted?" he was asked.

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Word reached the navy yard this afternoon that the Minnesota would arrive at League Island at 3 o'clock, but as there is many a slip between the dock and the ship, the Admiral is going to stay right at the Bellevue-Stratford until he hears that she is in. The Admiral had a wearisome trip around League Island yesterday looking for the boat.

It is possible that the Minnesota had to dodge some alien warships, which would account for her delay, but no one at the yard knows why it is taking her so long to come here from Hampton Roads.

The ship will be here late this afternoon, unless she loses her way in the Delaware, she passed the Breakwater many hours ago. Friends of the admiral say they are not surprised to hear that he beat a battleship to port, for he is known as a man of quick action.

GIRL ACCUSED OF STEALING HELD NEAR PITTSBURGH

Cedar Avenue Physician Took Her From Reform School.

Alexandria Kaminski, employed until ten days ago, by Dr. James C. Higgins, of 548 Cedar avenue, who took her from the Glen Mills Reform School, is under arrest at Pittsburgh today, charged with stealing \$1000 worth of jewelry from the Higgins home. Detectives Ford and Patterson left for Pittsburgh this morning to bring her to Philadelphia.

Dr. Higgins secured the girl's release from the reformatory on September 13. She complained late at night that she had a toothache and was sent to look for medicine in the doctor's office, where the Higgins' jewelry was kept.

Next morning she disappeared and \$1000 in diamonds and other stones was missing. Detectives Ford and Patterson learned the girl had a brother in New Kensington, Pa., near Pittsburgh, and notified the police there. Yesterday they received a message stating she had been arrested. It is not known whether the jewelry was recovered.

MEN WITH 43 CHICKENS AS LUGGAGE PUZZLE POLICEMAN

Two Early Morning Travelers With Three Suitcases Arouse Suspicion.

Three suitcases filled with dead chickens, in the possession of Pasquale Gallaro and Julius Sandino, of 103 North Fairhill street, early this morning, aroused the suspicion of Policemen Reeves, of the Branchtown station, when he met the men at York Road and Township Lane. Gallaro and Sandino were arraigned for a hearing later before Magistrate Renshaw at the Central station.

Reeves did not stop to count the fowls when he discovered the contents of the suitcases. He took the men to the Branchtown station and obtained the assistance of the night house sergeant and several members of the night force. They found 43 chickens in the suitcases. Each fowl had been dispatched by wringing its neck.

The police believe Gallaro and Sandino charged into a hennery somewhere in Montgomery county.

BOY RUN DOWN BY AUTO

So Slightly Injured He Insists on Going to Work.

Sixteen-year-old Raymond Matthews, of 202 East Orleans street, thought so little of the injuries he suffered early this morning when he was run down by an automobile on Broad street, above Erie avenue, that after being treated at the Samaritan Hospital he insisted on going to work.

The autoist took him to the hospital in the machine. Matthews had escaped with contusions to the scalp and bruises. Physicians thought he should take a rest, but the boy insisted on going to his work at the National Discount Company.

SIX ACCUSED OF MURDER

Men Plead Not Guilty and Will Be Tried Later.

Six alleged murderers were arraigned before Judge Searle in the Court of Oyer and Terminer today. All entered pleas of not guilty, and will be tried later. They are as follows: Louis Deveraux, 331 Ann street, for killing Anna May Etkens, on July 11; Adley Shuffan, 234 West Venona street, for killing Granville S. Morgan, on September 1; Salvatore Porta, Pleasantville, N. J., for killing David Spotto, on August 2; James Nelson, 1034 North Ninth street, for killing Allan Broad, on June 27; Heskiah Strathers, Negro, 511 West street, for killing David C. Speller, on June 13; John Bradford, Negro, 102 Haverbridge street, for killing Irene Bradford, on June 22; John Hines, 260 Lombard street, entered a plea of not guilty to a bill of indictment charging him with voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Frank Massey on August 2.

BOOTBLACK AS INTERPRETER

Tony Likes New Vocation and May Forsake Polishing.

From bootblack in court interpreter in two minutes was the remarkable rise of Tony, the bootblack at the Postoffice Building, this afternoon. Tony seems to like his new position and says that he feels tempted to follow the vocation and leave his boot box and polish at home as a plaything for his children. In fact it is whispered that he has an offer for his shoe shine business and expects to sell out.

This is how it all happened. Tony stuck his head in a room where Commissioner Edmunds was conducting a hearing. An interpreter was badly needed to translate the lingo and explain the gestulations of an angry Italian witness. Some one saw Tony's head sticking through the door. He was seized by the back of the neck and pressed into service.

Carl F. Adolph was charged with knocking a laborer, Francisco Walpin, off the dredge Delaware into the river at League Island. The hearing was postponed owing to a lack of witnesses.

POLICEMAN BRUIN PATROLS FACTORY BEAT



HOW HE CAN TREE A THIEF ENGINEER AND NIGHT WATCHMAN BEAR

'BOSS,' A BLACK BEAR, DOES NIGHTLY DUTY IN PLACE OF POLICE

Besides Having a Mighty Punch in Each Paw, This Watchman Does Not Sleep Soundly.

There is a black bear doing police duty in Edgington, Pa.

Edgington does not know just what to think of its force, but some persons, especially the children, are enthusiastic over the police. It weighs in the neighborhood of 200 pounds and has a mighty punch in either paw.

The bear was sent to D. C. Hanna, manager of the Philadelphia Pure Rye Distilling Company, from the Maine woods as a joke. But the bear was no joke. Mr. Hanna decided that as a little bear would be a bit among the neighbors.

He recalled that he was in need of a night watchman at his plant, so he named the bear "Boss" and gave him the job.

The distillery covers nearly 20 acres of land, and "Boss" patrols all that. At night his headquarters are in the company's offices.

Due is six months old and already is as large as a Newfoundland dog. He has an amiable disposition and plays with the cats of the distillery, but he has an inherited aversion to dogs. Rocks, the bull-

dog at the plant, he chases, and Malt, the Irish terrier, he ignores.

It was decided yesterday that a bath would not hurt Boss. What is more, the bath was deemed almost imperative. Captain Albert Quigley and John Hart, Government officers detailed at the distillery, and John Rigby, the engineer, escorted Boss to a pond on the company's property. Boss waded in one side of the pond and out the other and disappeared in the underbrush.

Captain Quigley, Hart and Rigby gave pursuit. It was an hour later that they met a Negro walking along one of the roads. He was looking anxiously over his shoulder and walking as if in a hurry.

"Ah you lookin' for a dog, ah mighty big dog?" asked the Negro.

"We are looking for a bear," returned the rescue party.

"Mah goodness me, dat was him, dat was him," exclaimed the Negro, and he hurried along without further explanation.

Boss was found a mile further on. He had located the Delaware River and was having a swim. Rib Rigby called him and the bear came ashore. He climbed a tree and there he stayed until he was dry. Many a bear has had a man up a tree, literally and figuratively. Now "Boss" was up a tree.

It was different with the truck inspector's train on the New York division. He saw the bear yesterday, stopped his train and had it backed up to get a second look. Then he climbed out of his observation car and made Boss' acquaintance. Both seemed to be pleased at the meeting.

Rigby is the man to whom Boss shows the most respect. Rigby is not afraid of a bear, but Boss did not know that at first. Boss nipped Rigby on the hand. He may have been joking in a bearish way, but Rigby did not appreciate the humor. He slapped the bear on the tip of the nose, and if there is one thing which disgusts a bear and takes the fighting ambition out of him it is just this.

The bear eats, just like a policeman. He is not particular what he eats, and stays at it for hours.

AUTO BEER TRUCK GOES ON JOY RIDE DOWNTOWN

Its Merry Course Marked by a Series of Lively Events.

An autotruck loaded with beer went on a joy ride of its own accord this afternoon on Passyunk avenue and spilled things generally. Aside from overturning a carriage or two, crashing into a couple of sidewalk markets, tearing down the awnings of Patrick Rooney's grocery, colliding with the front of a barbershop and frightening a number of half-shaved customers nearly out of their wits, the big truck did no damage.

The vehicle belonged to the Poth Brewing Company and started on its wild career while the driver, Albert Eithen, was taking supplies to Andrew Andrews, of 1621 East Passyunk avenue.

According to the police, a small boy climbed on the truck and, after starting it in motion, jumped off and let it go home itself.

While the car was zigzagging down the street two policemen started after it, but as they did not know the rudiments of football the truck easily fooled them by turning just the opposite way it was expected to.

The police thought they had it sure when the wagon smashed into Rooney's store at 1647 Passyunk avenue, but the auto slipped away again, and after many jumps it crashed into a barber shop. Needless to say, the noise frightened the barbers, and everybody inside a close shave. In fact, some of the customers jumped up until the truck left the place.

But it did leave in quick time, and was bound straight for a china store, when Christopher Morgan, of 1551 South Jessup street, managed to jump on the seat and turn off the power.

And the police are investigating.

TRAMP HAS VARNISH COAT AND NO FEAR OF WATER

Gets Three Months in Jail to Wear His Suit Out.

He has joined the ancient order of the three and whose records work may never taint or tarnish. And he should be tubbed. Water cannot reach his cuticle through varnish.

Joseph Brennan, of Tamarac, Pa., is now a regular member in strong standing of the Knights of the Road. So strong is his standing that he finds it almost impossible to clean his coat. He has a coat of varnish with which he was supplied gratis by a number of tramps with whom he fell in on a freight car bound for this city.

Brennan introduced himself to Magistrate Emely at the Park and Lehigh avenues station this morning. In addition to a suit of varnish he wore a hat and a pair of boots. Magistrate Emely acknowledged the introduction by sending the man to the County Prison for three months.

If Brennan is a tramp at heart the next few months will be the most blissful of his life so far, as he will be impervious to water until the varnish starts to wear. Brennan told the Magistrate that the degree team initiated him because he was unable to answer secret signals.

HOLD MAN FOR SHOOTING

Magistrate Renshaw at Central Station today held in \$500 bail for a further hearing Joseph (Gentle) Christian street, the man shot by Giuseppe Bismone yesterday ago when the latter shot and killed Ernesto Bolesta. Bismone told the police after the killing that the two men he shot were arguing at the Black and White saloon, 100 North Second street. Hand and that they had been threatening him. He is being held without bail pending the action of the Grand Jury.

THE CHAUFFEUR'S LUNCH

Traveling through New England in his touring car, a chauffeur named Tony, with his wife and two daughters, stopped one day for lunch at a good hotel. After the meal was over the automobilist said to the waiter:

HORRORS OF WAR AN OBJECT LESSON AT SAFETY CARNIVAL

Children in Tableaux Portray Evils That Follow Carnage—Country's Flag to Typify Peace.

As the climax to the "Safety Week" campaign conducted by the Home and School League, the Carnival of Safety was opened this afternoon at Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, in the presence of 2000 children, the representatives of the Home and School League, prominent industrial corporations, the railroads, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and a host of workmen employed in hazardous occupations, where the accident evil is particularly predominant.

Typifying the safety of the nation under the Stars and Stripes, a beautiful American flag was unfurled by a company of Boy Scouts, under the direction of J. W. Patton, while "America" was sung by every one in the crowded auditorium. This was followed by fire drills and an athletic exhibition by public school children.

An exhibition which no child who witnesses it can ever forget was that of a number of groups portraying the horrors and pestilence of war. A number of children, dressed in the fancy dress of soldiers and sailors, portrayed the army and the navy going to war, followed by another group showing the wounded and the dying, the widows, orphaned old men and women, the lame, the blind and the dependent, all victims of war.

Not the least impressive of these tableaux was the group of children portraying enforced idleness and the unemployed who suffer due to the hostilities. As a contrast to this was a series of tableaux picturing peace at home, families, farmers and sailors, portrayed in the harvest and general abundance of food and happiness. This series of tableaux were entitled "War and Peace."

STARS AND STRIPES THERE. The vast auditorium was tastefully decorated with hunting and flags of all nations, among which the Stars and Stripes were, of course, the most conspicuous.

Booths in which various forms of danger and safety were illustrated by living objects and with lantern slides were scattered in various parts of the hall and were the attraction of many hundreds. Speakers in each booth addressed the audience on safety problems and urged a greater amount of vigilance on the part of men, women and children in the street, in the place of employment and in the home.

GIRL WINS PRIZE CUP. During the exercises Helen Jaatzembski, of the Mott school, received the Mary V. Grice cup for the best composition on school safety.

Tonight the program will be reproduced. Mayor Hakenburg will preside and Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican candidate for Governor, is expected to speak. The program begins at 8 o'clock.

GIRL CRUSHED BY CAR

Critically Injured When She Loses Footing on Tracks.

In an effort to dash across the street before the approach of a trolley car yesterday at Sixteenth street, a girl, last evening, six years of age, was crushed by the car and was crushed beneath the car's wheel.

She was taken to the St. Joseph's Hospital unconscious. Her condition is critical.

WIFE CHARGES CRUELTY

Woman Declares Man Dragged Her About by the Hair.

Thomas Ellison, 3033 Grunbach street, whose wife accuses him of dragging her around the room by her hair, was yesterday upheld in a bill of complaint Magistrate Renshaw at the Front and Westmoreland streets police station.

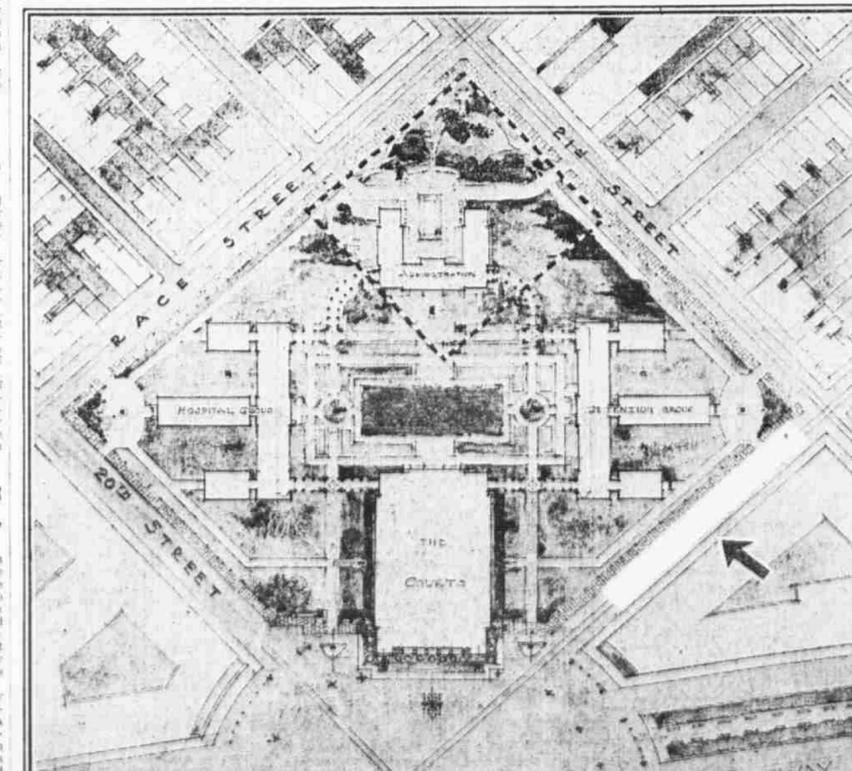
According to Mrs. Ellison, her husband snatched a \$5 bill she had received from her pocket and ran out of the house. He returned late at night and dragged her out of bed by the hair, according to the story told the police. Policeman Boynton arrested her cries for help and arrested Ellison.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Sunday, with light frost tonight in exposed places; moderate northwest winds.

The southern storm caused rain yesterday along the middle and south Atlantic coast, but has passed northeastward over the ocean and is apparently at some distance southward of New England. The storm clouds are being cleared over the Atlantic States, and fair weather is reported from all parts of the country this morning. The temperatures have fallen slightly at most places east of the Mississippi River, and frost occurred last night in some places in the Lake region and the Ohio Valley. The temperatures are being further lowered in the north on the advance of a disturbance that is moving in from the far north west.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Sea, Wind, Velocity. Lists weather data for various locations like Abilene, Texas, and Philadelphia.



KEY TO MUNICIPAL COURT LAND GRAB SECRET. Architect's sketch made public by Municipal Court which shows that a whole city block is wanted instead of small plot asked for in Councils. This small plot is shown by the dotted lines in the upper center of the map. The sketch was sent to newspapers with the name of the fourth side boundary blocked out as shown, supposedly to conceal the huge extent of the contemplated grab.